



## Water Quality Working Group

### *Meeting Agenda*

**Date:** 11/2/11

**Start Time:** 12:00 pm

**End Time:** 3:00 pm

#### **Attendance:**

Robin Newbold, Micki Ream, Suzanne Shriner, Robin Knox, Walter Ritte, Maka'ala Kaaumoana, Gordon LaBedz, Sol Kaho'ohalahala, Mary Jorgensen, Elia Herman, Matt Dixon, Joe Paulin, Jean Souza, Paul Wong

#### **Agenda**

I Role (see above)

II Finalize recommendations for draft report

Recommendations will be forwarded to the full council then forwarded to sanctuary management. Robin Knox put a lot of effort into combining recommendations after last Thursday to put together an updated draft. The intent of the language from Native Hawaiian Working Group was added to the Need for Action. Desired Outcome also modified as per comments from last Thursday. The group wants to finalize the recommendations so that group members can be ready to vote to show support, lack of support, or neutrality for each recommendation that will be included in the final report to the full council.

The group reviewed revised recommendations. Edits and surrounding discussion are organized by category. Slight grammatical changes were made.

#### *Monitoring*

Recommendation #5 is Maui specific regarding water quality monitoring. Could that be used for other islands? It was put forward to support what is already occurring on Maui, not meant to limit the effort. It ties into other recommendations (i.e. 1, 2, 6) to develop materials for all islands. The recommendation demonstrates a nexus with the sanctuary education center, but could be applied to efforts occurring in other parts of the sanctuary. Make recommendation #6 a footnote for Recommendation #1.

#### *Collaboration*

Is there repetition of #4 and #5 or two different activities in terms of recognizing stakeholders and doing stewardship? Already establish stakeholder and place relations. Is the sanctuary a stakeholder or does it host the conversation? Rearranging the sentence changes the emphasis so that the issue of enforcement is discussed in connection with a forum for discussion.



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Make sure to leave room for all types of watershed- based planning, as this term implies something very specific in certain circles (Clean Water Act --- 319). Some communities are doing efforts with other funding sources.

Confirm term TEK or Traditional Ecological Knowledge with the Native Hawaiian Working Group chair to confirm usage or alternate wording (Indigenous Ecological Knowledge). This is an example of terminology that will be edited for consistency across documents but the need for glossary of terms for the Native Hawaiian Working Group report was raised.

Simplify recommendation #6, and move additional information to footnotes.

#### *Point and Non-Point Source Pollution*

When talking about “staff” person, clarify that this is sanctuary staff in order to reference the idea that sanctuary is a participant or stakeholder in water quality.

Rearrange the sentence about best management practices.

#### *Education and Outreach*

Make reference to Hawaii specific materials, the topics in this category are focused on western (discussion of term contemporary) science. Broaden this to include the cultural traditions/ traditional ecological knowledge of who we are and where we are. Integrate as foundational knowledge rather than an additional recommendation. Reflect the importance of water in “Need for Action” as an introductory paragraph. Sol suggested that the Kumulipo be referenced at the beginning of the report. (Action Item for Sol Kaho’ohalahala)

#### *Precautionary Principle*

Clarify intent in footnote/ expand language.

#### *Vessel Discharge*

Two cycle engines discussion: support the notion, but widely in use. These motors are used by a lot of people. The strict language and other outright prohibition will create lots of pushback because restricts individuals. Instead, reword to raise awareness within communities and help with phasing out two cycle engines.

#### *Offshore Development*

Discussion to clarify “finfish” mariculture. Companies should provide data and show there is no harm. Existing lease length from state: 65 years, so difficult to support an all out ban, but make sure to monitor existing site and get better data. Intent: want a protected environment appropriate for sanctuary uses/ resource protection goals. Recommendations are contradictory, rework to be complementary, and look at sanctuary authority rather than outright ban.



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Recommendations report also includes comments from Native Hawaiian Working Group and Humpback Whale Protections Working Group. Examine the potential actions and potential sanctuary actions and whether we've addressed them. Discussion of implementation and penalties and how these rules can be better enforced. Clean Water Act (Action Items: Add AA recommendation).

#### III Discuss next steps

Similar to Ecosystem Protections Working Group process, each working group member will vote on each recommendation. Options: support, don't support, or neutral. The ballot will be sent out after edits from working group members are received; please return by COB Friday. Information will be tallied and included in the final report.

#### IV Public Comment (none)

#### V Pau

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